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Preface:

Long has my study of  
Oblivion, Entropy and the  
Convergence consumed my  
time and my focus. I  
have completed and  
pursued many projects  
either directly, tangentially  
or uninvolved with Oblivion,  
yet my drive has always  
been to document that  
power that was, is and  
will be until even it is no  
more. It is my hope that  
those who read these  
words will come to  
understand Oblivion as I  
have and see the  
necessity in taking its  
precepts to the ends of  
the universe and time,  
until all are swallowed in  
the peaceful void that is  
Oblivion.

-Izrem Verin'Vlos

Codex of Oblivion

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A primer on the nature  
of Oblivion, Entropy and  
the Convergence.

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-----Introduction-----

"All that has a beginning  
has an end. All that is  
will one day be not. That  
is the natural order of  
reality."

-Lich Lord Azalin

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The precepts of the  
"worship" of Oblivion are  
teleological ones. That is  
to say, concepts and  
ideas that lead to a final  
end as the result of the  
causes that come before  
it. Cause and effect,  
where the effect is  
already known, so the  
causes merely align  
properly to see that  
effect occurs. At its  
most basic level, this is  
the scholars understanding  
of Oblivion. All things  
that have a beginning, will  
have an end. Even those  
things which we consider  
immortal or ageless, on a  
long enough time scale,  
decay and die. Because we  
understand this  
end/effect, we can see  
the "causes" for what  
they are. Little acts of  
construction and decay  
that lead, ultimately, to  
an end. This is Entropy.  
Entropy prepares the way  
for Oblivion. Cause and  
effect.

Yet if that were  
all that  
was to be said on the  
matter, than an  
organization such as the  
Order of the Ebon Skull  
would not need to exist,  
nor would its scholars  
within the Scholomance or  
its dark artificers in the  
Necromancer Sect. The  
truth of the matter is  
that while few may  
contest this natural truth  
(though some still try)  
many do not see the

need to revere and  
accept it in their  
everyday understandings  
of life. They see Oblivion  
and Entropy as  
unfortunate things that  
should be overcome and  
finally surrendered to  
when inevitability has its  
way. This need not be  
the case. By coming to  
an understanding of the  
precepts of Oblivion, we  
can learn to embrace it  
for both its truth and  
its liberation.

In this  
collection of notes,  
research and discussion  
we shall delve into the  
concepts known as  
Oblivion, Entropy and the  
Convergence. Each section  
shall be  
divided into three parts.  
First shall come a section  
on the arcane aspect.  
This is, simply put, the  
"scientific" element of the  
concept being looked at.  
What it looks like in  
reality and what few  
principles of alchemy we  
can attach to its nature.

Second shall be a look at  
the theology of the  
concept. Arcane theory  
without relevance to  
reality serves no purpose  
to those who are not  
magi or scholars, nor  
does it enrich the lives  
of those who observe it  
but do not see its value.

Third shall be a view of  
the spiritual relevance of  
the concept to a person's  
own life. To understand  
arcane theory and  
theology is wonderful, yes.  
But it is only in how you  
see how that concept  
flows in your own life  
that you come to  
understand your grand

purpose in the scheme of existence. Specifically, it shall take the lessons of theology and apply them to the lives of the faithful.

-----Oblivion-----

"As we stare long into the void, the void stares long into us."

-Lich Lord Admoreth Nazduin

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Oblivion. A word filled with so much misconception in both modern and ancient politics that it has come to mean something so erroneous that few can know where to start when picking fact from fiction in discerning the truth.

Oblivion, in its most basic understanding, is nothingness. The absence of reality, whether that be in the form of matter or mana. Yet it is from this basic premise that the scholars and necromancers of the Ebon Skull have pulled so much meaning. Let us observe.

1) Arcane Element-----

Oblivion itself defies most attempts to quantify it as it is essentially impossible to measure. Attempting to parse out its elements cannot be done by any mortal means as it sits on the other side of existence and therefore cannot be reached by any normal method of study. However, there are certain things that can be understood from observation. It lacks substance or mana in any form that we would

understand. There is a barrier that exists between reality and Oblivion known to the scholars of the Ebon Skull as "the Convergence". Passing beyond this barrier is impossible, as reality, by definition, cannot exist in a place where matter and mana do not exist. The process of passing through this barrier shall be looked at further in the section on The Convergence. Further information of Oblivion itself cannot be granted as its very existence seems paradoxical.

## 2) Theology-----

While information on the arcane nature of Oblivion may go only so far, the theological understandings of the concept can go far deeper.

As it came to be understood as early as the rule of Nizar, Oblivion was the natural state of things that passed beyond the bounds of reality.

Lives ended, never to be reformed, beyond even the call of spells as powerful as Ressurrection.

Destruction of lands and places that would never rise again.

Even the eradication of ideas and concepts, now forgotten entirely to mortal minds, as they passed beyond the boundries of our ability to remember and perceive them.

The end of all things that exist is to pass beyond the veil and enter a place of absolute serenity. And this is the first understanding of Oblivion.

Oblivion is peace.  
But peace itself is an  
overused word. Oblivion  
does not offer that  
ephemeral (short lived)  
"peace" that is thrown  
around in the political  
world. A thing to be  
shattered by the whimsy  
of tomorrow. It is  
eternal and ever lasting.  
That which passes beyond  
the veil of reality need  
never again be endangered  
by the quibbles and  
unrighteous nature of  
those that cling to  
existence. All that passes  
into the blissful waters  
of Oblivion rest easily  
besides all those that  
have come before them.  
Which brings us to the  
second understanding.  
Oblivion is equal.

The faithful and the  
irreligious alike pass into  
non-existence all the  
same. Just as reality  
came into existence and  
shall one day end, so too  
shall all the souls of  
those who have come  
before and shall come  
eventually finish at the  
shoals of Oblivion. It is  
this understanding which  
has lead the Order of  
the Ebon Skull, in many  
of its iterations, to seek  
to bring its knowledge of  
Oblivion to others, that  
they need not sit under  
the yoke of oppression  
and iniquity that so many  
suffer in this debased  
era.

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Finally, Oblivion is  
freedom. Freedom from  
yesterday and the fears  
of tomorrow. The  
understanding that the  
very nature of reality is  
to free us from our  
lives of warfare and

suffering. Where our  
births may have born us  
into shackles we could  
not understand, Oblivion  
grants us release from  
that which was forced  
upon us.

### 3) Spiritual-----

Peace, Equality and  
Freedom are the elements  
of Oblivion that guide and  
focus the Order of the  
Ebon Skull. So too must  
these same understandings  
guide and focus the  
faithful themselves.

Peace, true peace, is the  
absence of struggle. The  
faithful are not called to  
bring "peace" to Sosoria  
the way most mortals  
view it. As described  
earlier, such mortal peace  
is easily broken and  
shattered. True peace  
exists only in Oblivion.  
The faithful are reminded  
that they are called to  
bring Peace to reality. A  
stillness that can only be  
formed by a lack of  
struggle. A struggle  
brought on by the  
ignorant and self-absorbed  
desires of many a man  
and woman. Only through  
acceptance of Oblivion as  
the final end and an  
effort to emulate that  
peace, surrendering your  
mortal wants to the  
needs of Oblivion, do you  
receive the quiet within  
your soul that lets you  
live and die with the  
assurance that you served  
a purpose greater than  
your own and fought for  
a cause destined to win,  
bringing repose to all of  
creation.

Equality is granted by  
passing through the veil,  
yes. But it is also  
attained while one  
continues on in the  
material realm. Whether

human or elf, living or  
undead, demon or celestial,  
all have their place in  
assuring the natural order  
of reality continues on  
its right path. Mortals  
and planars alike need not  
bend on knee before the  
whims of other  
narrow-minded and self  
serving individuals. Oblivion  
is the natural end and  
accepts all as they are.  
So too must the faithful  
accept that all have their  
place in the teleology of  
existence. A recognition  
that all serve a purpose  
in the greater scheme of  
things.

The freedom that Oblivion  
brings is a release from  
the bonds and pain of  
yesterday. It is the  
gripes of petty mortals  
that seek vengeance for  
perceived slights and  
insults of times past,  
regardless of their  
validity. They are slaves  
to their own anger and  
foolish need for redress,  
failing to note that all  
things end and become  
nothing by the nature of  
Oblivion. The faithful  
acolyte remembers that  
they are called to  
something more than the  
frailties of material  
existence and steps  
beyond such low-minded  
ideas and embraces the  
liberating precepts of  
Oblivion that they may  
never again suffer the  
pains of bitterness or  
the fear of failure. Such  
is the way of Oblivion.

-----Entropy-----

"I am the thorn in the  
foot, I am the blur in  
the sight;  
I am the worm in the  
root, I am the thief in  
the night;



I am the rat in the wall,  
the leper that leers at  
the gate;  
I am the ghost in the  
hall, the herald of horror  
and hate.  
I am the rust on the  
corn, I am the smut on  
the wheat,  
Laughing man's labor to  
scorn, weaving a web for  
his feet.  
I am the canker and  
mildew and blight,  
danger and death and  
decay;  
The rot of the rain by  
night, the blast of the  
sun by day.  
I warp and wither with  
drought, I work in the  
swamp's foul yeast;  
I bring the black plague  
from the south,  
And leprosy in from the  
east.  
I am the shrill cold spirit  
that chills the darkness  
you feel after dark.  
I am the chaos that  
tears stars apart.  
You cannot escape me.  
You cannot defeat me.  
You can only embrace  
me."

-Entropic Chant

If you have ever watched  
the life of a plant, the  
form of a structure or  
the history of a nation;  
over time you have seen  
the work of Entropy.  
Entropy is the decay that  
takes what exists now  
and slowly breaks it down  
to nothingness.  
Yet entropy too is an  
often misunderstood  
precept of the Ebon  
Skull. Often seen as a  
tool of wanton chaos and  
destruction, it is  
wrongfully viewed as an  
"evil" force in existence.  
Again we shall have to  
look at the word in its  
most basic understanding.  
Often referred to by

Alchemists and those who  
practice Chymistry,  
Entropy is the tendency  
of matter towards a  
lower state of energy.  
That is to say, breaking  
things down to simpler  
components. And that is  
Entropy at its basic level.  
No anger to it. No hate  
or malfeasance. It is  
simply the natural process  
by which complex things  
that require maintenance  
tend towards simpler less  
complex states.

Let us not fool ourselves  
into believing that  
anything of mortal  
construct does not  
require maintenance in  
some form. Whether it  
be ideas that require  
someone to apply and  
pass them on, to  
societies that must be  
regulated, to even the  
simplest of trinkets that  
much be handled and  
cleaned lest they clog up  
or fall apart. Entropy  
affects all things of  
mortal construct and a  
patient eye can note that  
it affects all things in  
nature as well. While life  
certainly has a capacity  
for regeneration and  
passing on to the "next  
generation", it is a  
cycle that ultimately is  
claimed by entropy in  
each round, never to defy  
the process. And it is  
the astute acolyte that  
remembers the lessons of  
precept Oblivion in  
regards to the  
inevitability of all things.  
Passing on knowledge and  
lore is fine. Attempting  
to cheat Entropy by  
"starting again" is a  
wasteful effort.

1) Arcane Element-----  
Unlike Oblivion which is,

by its nature,  
non-existent (yet still  
present) Entropy is an  
active and pervasive force  
that can be measured,  
researched and wielded.  
Qualitatively, the power  
of Entropy if seen in  
ways as noted in the  
Entropic Chant. The decay  
of matter, the act of  
the parasite, the smut of  
disease are all types of  
Entropy. Entropy, as a  
force, is capable of  
breaking down the various  
forms of matter and  
reducing them to their  
root essence. This can go  
as far as reducing  
matter to mana, though  
such a process often  
requires purposeful effort  
on the part of a mortal  
to achieve.

The energy  
released by  
the decay of an object  
can be both contained and  
harnessed, though its  
purposes can normally only  
be applied to additionally  
chaotic ends. The force  
to break down reality is  
rarely easily manipulated  
to turn around and  
construct it. Be that as  
it may, many a wizard of  
the Ebon Skull have used  
this power as their  
central draw; the place  
from which a mage  
collects their arcane  
power. Through patience  
and careful control, the  
pathway of the normally  
chaotic and disruptive  
forces of Entropy can be  
channeled to a number of  
purposes.

While use in  
offensive spells is most  
commonly known, it has  
been used to form a  
number of barriers and  
fields for various

applications in both Caina  
and the Stygian Grove. It  
should be noted that  
if there is one thing  
that is constant about  
the force that is raw  
chaos, it is that it is  
unpredictable. Many an  
experiment has consumed  
the life and existence of  
an unprepared, unworthy  
or simply unlucky arcanist,  
as the presumed  
controlled stream of  
energy ripped free of its  
bounds and overcame the  
one who desired to  
employ it.

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Chaos knows no  
boundries in the realm of  
existence and can affect  
anything it touches. While  
some objects, principles  
or beings may be more  
resistant to its touch,  
none are immune.  
Additionally, while Oblivion  
is a concept that exists  
perfectly and set apart  
from reality as a  
non-entity, Entropy itself  
has formed an avatar,  
known as Morgaz. Morgaz  
is postulated to have no  
particular intelligence, yet  
he/she/it is capable of  
speaking quite capably  
through her prophets and  
heralds. Furthermore, she  
is capable of empowering  
her servants with gifts  
of chaos and an  
understanding of things  
cast to the tides of  
Entropy and thus within  
her domain. It is believed  
this is how her prophets  
and how the Mirror of  
Morgaz function. Oracles  
to both the the very  
existence that drowns in  
the well of Entropy, as  
well as home to a land  
of infinite possibilities,

opening the minds of her  
prophets to endless  
passages through time,  
though the price is often  
insanity.

## 2) Theology-----

Whereas Oblivion was the  
"effect" and final end of  
reality, Entropy is the  
"cause" that will see the  
result come. Entropy is  
that which does away  
with the old and makes  
way for the new. It is  
what takes the new and  
turns it to the old,  
before restarting the  
process again. Yet  
entropy is not an endless  
cycle of repetition. It does  
not merely reset the  
stage and allow the same  
act to play out. It is the  
worker that casts the  
wheat husk into the  
consuming fire that is  
Oblivion. It is the endless  
process of cleaning out  
the old and rotting that  
we might be free of the  
taint of the past.

Without this we would be  
slaves to the stagnant  
governments of old, weak  
in their understandings  
and bloated with their  
own paltry mortal  
concepts of wisdom and  
knowledge.

Entropy is cleansing. It  
strips away that which is  
unnecessary and leaves  
only that which is needed  
on the path to true  
enlightenment. Those  
pieces that are resistant  
are valuable for  
furthering the work of  
Oblivion. Even those that  
do not yet serve Oblivion  
and Entropy directly do  
its work as a matter of  
course. The stagnation  
and rot which seeks only  
to clutter up space is

done away with, producing  
the rock solid foundation  
of purity that can drive  
forward and finish the  
work begun when the  
stars first began to burn  
in the sky. Entropy is  
also fluid. It is chaotic  
and open to fits of  
whimsy, but it is capable  
of shifting to meet each  
new challenge.

It is the  
endless tide that erodes  
the rocks, through  
constant and endless  
force, as well as through  
constant shifting and  
turning aside. It is not  
stubborn and intent on  
forcing it way in obsolete  
methods. It knows that  
nothing can stand against  
its relentless tide so it  
does not saddle itself  
with unnecessary baggage  
of pride and  
self-absorption.

Finally, Entropy is  
purposeful. It is prone to  
bouts of whimsy, as  
befits such a chaotic  
force. Yet it still has an  
aim and a drive. While  
its methods may vary and  
sometimes be inscrutable,  
its goal is its namesake,  
Entropy. It breaks down  
reality because it must.  
That is its purpose and  
pursuit. It does not  
forget itself, even when  
it the midst of its  
frivolity or insanity. This  
element makes its goal to  
cleanse and fluid nature  
all the more fearful and  
insurmountable. A building  
can be firmly built and  
constantly repaired,  
preventing its fall and  
rebuffing each and every  
strategy to bring it  
down.  
But such  
preparations are

temporary at best.  
Entropy, never abandonings  
it drive, cannot be  
beaten. It cannot be  
stopped. It can only be  
accepted.

3) Spiritual-----  
Cleansing, Fluidity and  
Purpose are the  
understandings of Entropy.  
The faithful commit to  
acts of cleansing, both  
for themselves and the  
world. As Entropy strips  
and purifies the world of  
its dross, so too must a  
servant of Oblivion seek  
to cut away the rot and  
filth in their soul. We  
lack the perfect and  
enlightening peace of  
Oblivion, and cannot gain  
it until we pass through  
the veil, so we must ever  
look within ourselves that  
we may know what can  
be thrown away. The  
meaningless consumption  
of food and drink, when  
aimed only to slake our  
gluttony and drunkenness.

That we purge ourselves  
of our weakness, so too  
do we seek to cleanse  
the world of its filth.  
There are so many that  
attempt to hold back the  
tide of Entropy. Seeking  
to inforce their  
small-minded concept of  
order and law on those  
around them, often vainly  
claiming it for the "good  
of Sosoria/Ilshenar/Malas  
etc." Yet theirs is  
corruption and  
self-satisfaction for the  
sake of their own  
purposes. Nothing greater.  
Even those who pursue  
the "Virtues" chain  
themselves to rules and  
laws of an errant king  
whose own concept of  
compassion and justice

was to abandon first the  
land under the Feluccan  
moon and then the  
entirety of Sosaria.

The Ebon Skull has long  
sought to cleanse the  
world of those parts  
that weaken and chain it.

This is a duty most  
sacred and the call to all  
faithful that they spread  
the truth of Oblivion to  
every land and every  
shore.

Yet it is only through  
emulation of the fluidity  
of Entropy that any  
servant can hope to  
succeed. The stagnation  
that inhibits  
understanding of Oblivion  
is the same stagnation  
that drives us to fail  
again and again in ways  
we know do not work.  
Time and time again we  
have seen empires and  
their human components  
run into the same walls  
as if the whole of the  
breed suffer some severe  
mental defect.

Variation  
is the currency of  
success in the realm of  
life and strangely enough  
carries fair weight in the  
life extended beyond the  
normal limits of flesh.  
The ability to change and  
adapt. To accept a failure  
and morph it into a step  
to victory is needed. Do  
not allow a stumble to  
shake you from the path.  
Flow with the tides of  
change and embrace the  
ingenuity that tears down  
the firmaments of old.  
Finally, a proper acolyte  
of Entropy must always  
remember their Purpose.  
Whether bathed in  
the fires of destruction



or speaking at the table  
of nobility, a true  
servant never forgets  
what it is they serve.

They serve the tireless  
force of inevitability. It  
needs not rest and nor  
do its faithful. This is  
not, however, a call for  
the scions of Oblivion to  
literally work themselves  
to death. It is a  
reminder that they are  
part of something greater  
than themselves. An order  
that has existed since  
the time of "the  
Shattering" formed the  
shards. It has been  
cleansed and purged by  
the fires of the power  
it serves, all for  
the sake of completing  
the task given to it.  
And though the will of  
its adherents have  
wavered, it has never  
fallen.

Never ceased. It  
cannot. For it is a  
reflection of the  
eternal character of  
Oblivion. It is a  
testament to the enduring  
and powerfully focused  
elements of Entropy. A  
proper acolyte would  
always remember that  
their sacrifices, of  
themselves and of others,  
is all part of planned and  
purposeful struggle. A  
struggle whose ending is  
already decided. And there  
is no stopping it. Just  
like there is no stopping  
us.

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-----The Convergence-----  
"I am what came before  
and what shall come. I  
stand at the point where  
all passes through and in  
my wake flows the

endless sea of Oblivion."  
-Lich Lord Darrien Church

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If Entropy is the rising action of the story that is reality and Oblivion is the resolution and final scene, the Convergence is the climax. It is that most sacred and holy moment where reality crosses over into non-existence and all that is imperfect and prone to stagnation is forever purged of its weakness and cast into the endless ocean of purity. The Convergence is the focus of the Order of the Ebon Skull and its primary drive. It is the last breath of an ending life, the final flicker of a dying light. It is the moment of translation from the rough and regrettable taint of failure in life, to the enduring peace of Oblivion. There is no moment more blissful or divine than the passing. That perfect moment of release.

#### 1) Arcane Element-----

The Convergence is not a process or a state of being so much as a sudden and distinctive moment of time. As the final work of Entropy breaks down the last of a substance to its final form and flings it into Oblivion's embrace it reaches a sudden moment of Unmaking the unweaves the very fabric of reality and dispels it into nothingness as it enters into the Void. Yet this final unmaking is not a mild nor inauspicious event. The release of energy from the final destruction of matter is

nigh incalculable as the substance experiences its last fleeting moment of actuality. And it is from this power that so much of the strength of the Ebon Skull is pulled. While it is certainly a prevailing artifact of chaos, more than anything else, the Ebon Skull represents that cross over and can channel that impossibly massive power to the ends of those who wield it.

Unlike the directed and chaotic power of Entropy, the energy released by the Convergence is not aspected towards a particular end. It has no focus, as its purpose is already finished. Therefore it can be wielded in any number of ways to great affect, though there is a theoretical limit. Again, the Convergence is a moment of time, not a state of existence. As of such, that power remains only with the moment before it is swallowed by Oblivion and is no more. Therefore using it to maintain fields or wards becomes extremely difficult as that wisp of incredible power soon passes away as quickly as it came.

While there are some methods to channel each new spark of energy released in each Convergent action, such projects require an immense undertaking of skill, resource and time that can tie up the wealth of even the most developed of nations. Be that as it may, many a mage within the Order turn to the Covergence

as their Central Draw.  
The casting of spells  
requires only a moments  
focus and the limitless  
power provided never fails  
to grant the petitioner  
their due.

However, the ability to  
even perceive this power  
falls behind mortal  
comprehension. Indeed it  
often requires interaction  
with an incredibly  
powerful scion or artifact  
of Oblivion in order to  
have ones eyes opened.  
Indeed it was by baptism  
in the stygian flame of  
the Ebon Skull that some  
of the Order have  
received the seed of  
understanding required to  
wield the power of the  
Convergence.

Perhaps one of the most  
interesting facets of this  
moment of release are  
the messages sent into  
reality by Oblivion. Like  
every sudden release of  
energy their is a  
shockwave. The "boom"  
from an Explosion spell or  
the revolt of the earth  
beneath ones foot in the  
Earthquake incantation are  
examples of this  
shockwave. Yet to those  
trained to listen there is  
more to the moment of  
Convergence than a simple  
release of energy. There  
is a message. It is  
hypothesized that it is  
through these "messages"  
that Oblivion chooses its  
Lich Lord and  
communicates through the  
Ebon Skull. The echoes of  
that which is cast into  
the Convergence is more  
than the the deathknell  
of the subject.

It is  
Oblivion's moment to

speaking with those who  
know how to hear it.  
There is no sound within  
Oblivion itself, but there  
are moments of  
understanding present in  
that instant where  
existence ceases to be  
and nothingness takes  
hold. It often fell to the  
eldritch capacity of the  
"Nameless One" to hear  
such calls, though his or  
her mortal senses were  
shattered. In time, other  
forms of prophets have  
emerged. And it is  
through these moments  
and these prophets, lich  
lords and artifacts that  
the Order holds a  
connection to Oblivion. A  
connection that binds us  
to its will and to  
completing the work begun  
at the beginning.

## 2) Theology-----

The Convergence is that  
perfect moment of  
cleansing that takes the  
stuff of our souls and  
transforms it into a  
flame that burns hotter  
than any time before.  
Where Entropy is  
existence and Oblivion is  
the hope for tomorrow,  
the Convergence is the  
moment where the  
cleansing, fluidity and  
purpose of Entropy gives  
way to the eternal peace,  
equality and freedom of  
Oblivion. It is a sudden  
and instant change that  
cannot be compared to  
anything ever experienced  
in the mere and limited  
scope of mortality.  
Whereas the unmaking of  
Entropy seeks to  
constantly tear down the  
firmaments produced by  
mortal hands the  
Convergence is an act of  
unmaking that permanently  
and irrevocably ends that

which is brought into its  
moment.

It must do so  
as there can be no  
return from that which  
does not exist.

The Convergence is as  
far reaching as Entropy  
and as certain as  
Oblivion on both a cosmic  
as well as personal level.

It is the natural Order  
that all things be sent  
to Oblivion in time. And  
it is only through the  
Convergence that reality  
can pass into nothingness.

We would be fools as to  
believe that this process  
could be halted or undone.

It was a divergence, of  
sorts, that brought about  
the shards and Sosoria.

It is the Convergence  
that shall unify it all  
once more. And into that  
role steps the Order of  
the Ebon Skull. Purveyors  
of unity, that seek to  
shepherd all into their  
place in the proper order  
of things. Not for the  
sake of personal gain or  
pride, but to grant all  
their much deserved rest  
from the otherwise  
neverending cycle of pain  
that existence offers.

The Convergence is  
release. The gate that all  
pass through on their  
way to Oblivion's Peace.

It is that moment that  
frees you and the  
moment that washes away  
all the iniquity of a life  
now gone.

Furthermore, the  
Convergence is necessary.

It is a moment of keen  
understanding that  
prepares the mind and  
soul to accept what is to  
come next. What Oblivion  
has to offer is far too  
much for mortal

discernment to grasp a  
hold of. It is only by  
reaching this moment that  
many can come to see  
the necessity of Oblivion.  
It is the servants of the  
Ebon Skull that have been  
given this realization  
before their time to pass  
through the veil has  
come.

Though it is an  
imperfect knowledge, it is  
a working knowledge.  
Last, the Convergence is  
final. There is no stepping  
back from what has been  
learned. There is no  
undoing what has been  
seen. Forevermore does  
knowledge change us. So  
too are we forever  
changed by our  
understanding of the  
Convergence. Because we  
understand this finality,  
we approach it with  
reverence and willingness  
to accept what is to  
come.

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Rather than fight  
unnecessary battles and  
waste our time on the  
petty elements of  
existence, we focus  
ourselves on our task,  
knowing that its results  
are forever and our  
sacrifices never in vain.

### 3) Spiritual-----

As before we take the  
lessons of theology that  
we may apply them to  
ourselves. The  
Convergence is release, it  
is necessary and it is  
final. The release it  
grants is from both  
mortal constraint and  
mortal understanding of  
life. Instead of accepting  
the restraint of your  
flesh and the rules

designed only to conform  
you to the whims of  
self-absorbed dictators,  
you are to view yourself  
as free of their  
influence. Old treaties and  
bindings that compelled  
your obedience to lesser  
entities are void as you  
step into a new life and  
new understanding of  
reality.

The reason such release  
is allowed, is because it  
is necessary. No greater  
sin would be to teach one  
of the truth of Oblivion  
then to demand they  
remain chained to  
whatever minor destiny  
they believed they had to  
follow. It is one thing to  
say reality is "unfair". It  
is an entirely different  
matter to expect one to  
toil in places they need  
not. To bring one to the  
point of understanding and  
then encouraging them to  
follow through is  
paramount to all other  
matters. Because without  
these understandings and  
the power to pursue  
those understandings they  
are lost.

Last and a key  
reminder  
to all who hear the  
words of the prophets  
and whispers of Oblivion,  
is that the Convergence  
is final. There is no  
turning back from what  
one has learned. One  
must choose to follow or  
to deny. And those that  
deny must accept their  
inevitability that is their  
failure. Those that take  
the step of acceptance  
recognize that there is  
no turning back and  
instead choose to move  
forward, that they may  
attain the enlightenment



and understanding of one  
who truly sees things for  
how they are.

-----Epilogue-----

"I didn't think it would  
end like this. And I was  
right... it didn't."

-Magus Azunda Thaumiel

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Oblivion, Entropy and the  
Convergence are three  
distinct elements of  
existence. Yet none of  
them exist apart. As  
they are unified in the  
work of the Order of  
the Ebon Skull, so too  
are they unified in their  
natural purposes. Entropy  
does not exist merely  
unto itself. It is the  
river that carries the  
mountains, bit by bit, into  
the sea of Oblivion.  
Oblivion could not be  
added to were Entropy  
not there to tear down  
the old and cast it to  
the consuming flame. They  
are all a part of one  
great process. It was  
once explained to  
me thusly:

Take a bowl and fill it  
with water. All that is  
outside of the bowl  
represents non-existence.  
All that is within the  
bowl represents that  
which does exist. If  
reality were contained like  
this, then there would be  
no motion. The water  
within would not move;  
stagnant and unchanging.  
Yet if a hole were made  
in the bottom of the  
bowl, then the water  
would leak out and motion  
would begin, expelling the  
stagnation of the sitting  
water.

The counter-clockwise  
swirl of the water  
represents the

flow of Entropy. All that is within the bowl of reality flows with the current of Entropy. Oblivion is what is reached when the water leaves the bowl and enters the realm of non-existence. Yet it is that hole that represents the Convergence. The moment where that which was escapes the confines of the bowl and is released from its corrupted and unmoving existence.

In this way we can see the process of the natural flow towards Oblivion. Entropy grants motion and change to the world. The Convergence is the opening through which the world passes. And Oblivion is the final release which grants those stuck within the confines of a dirty and unforgiving world a true age of freedom.

To those who read these words, bear witness to the truths that lie herein, for they are the words and collected understandings of both the ancient and present eras.

To read these words is the understand that glorious work of the Order of the Ebon Skull. To recognize what has been done in the name of progress and healing. There will always be detractors who declare our intentions impure or selfish and indeed there may be those amongst us whose intents are truly that. But to the learned acolyte, it can be seen that we stand to be

more than those who  
seek material gain.  
Conquering lands and  
uniting people in the name  
of some sort of  
ephemeral "freedom",  
"peace" or "protection" is  
but the boasts of deluded  
tyrants who think only of  
themselves.

Stand tall, servants of  
the Ebon Skull of every  
age. The balances of  
power may shift in this  
world, as they often do;  
but just as those who  
maintained the watch  
those many years ago, so  
too will you stand upon  
the world stage and  
proclaim the ever rising  
tide of Oblivion. You  
cannot fail as victory  
was determined at the  
creation of reality.

Our Order is ancient as  
is our creed and it has  
weathered many storms.  
From the fall of Caina,  
to the destruction of the  
original Ebon Skull, to  
even our present wars,  
we have endured. Not for  
a reason as pitiful as  
"we must". But because  
we simply always will. All  
who read these words,  
whether they bow to our  
work or not, have  
unwittingly pronounced the  
work of Oblivion. You  
cannot forget what you  
have learned here and  
reality itself will  
constantly remind you of  
its truth.

Do not attempt to take  
these teachings apart,  
using only the bits you  
like. Teach at  
whatever rate you  
desire, but do not  
leave the teaching  
undone. To do so is to  
invite uncertainty and  
corruption into the

minds of those who  
hear. The Entropic Chant  
is perhaps the most  
brilliantly produced litany  
of any age. All of it  
speaks volumes to the  
truth of the world  
around us. But it is the  
last stanza that you,  
dear reader, must  
remember:

"You cannot escape me.  
You cannot defeat me.  
You can only embrace  
me."

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Keruilath la mornvas.

Walk in Darkness.

\*The entropic image, the  
Mark of Thorns, takes up  
this page\*